

# MFAN SHAPES EFFECTIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE POLICY

## WHAT IS MFAN?

The Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN) is a bipartisan reform coalition composed of international development and foreign policy practitioners, policy advocates, and experts. MFAN promotes more effective and accountable U.S. foreign assistance that advances American interests, delivering greater results for people in need and U.S. taxpayers.

## WHY MFAN'S WORK IS IMPORTANT

At less than 1% of the federal budget, foreign aid is a critical tool for the United States to engage the world, promote American values, and advance U.S. economic and security interests. MFAN engages closely with Congress and the administration to ensure that policy is held accountable to these goals.

"MFAN members have achieved more together as a network than they could have achieved individually. This is evident in increased support for foreign assistance reform within the development community and Congress, as well as policy changes." – **Evaluating MFAN's Impact: 2008-2016**



### MFAN DRIVES THE POLICY DEBATE

MFAN mobilizes development community leaders and drives consensus around MFAN principles and policy recommendations

**97%** of surveyed stakeholders said that "MFAN has created a political space for foreign assistance reform."\*



### MFAN MOVES POLICY FORWARD

by engaging with policymakers in Congress and the executive branch, and by shaping legislation and official documents through recommendations and specific language.

**90%** of surveyed stakeholders said that MFAN "has cultivated a bipartisan constituency for foreign assistance reform"\*

Accountability and transparency provisions included in all **8** major foreign aid authorization bills enacted since 2014.\*\*



### MFAN ENSURES IMPACT

through close monitoring and ongoing engagement of policy implementation.

**20+** agencies held accountable to administration and legislative obligations to transparency and evaluation.



### MFAN EXPERTISE IS VALUED BY DECISION-MAKERS

who know the depth and breadth of expertise around the table.

**87%** of surveyed stakeholders said that "MFAN is a Hill staff go-to source on foreign assistance reform."\*

# THE MFAN INFLUENCE

“MFAN played a critical role in advancing legislative and policy changes that reflect key foreign assistance reform principles.”

– **Evaluating MFAN’s Impact: 2008-2016**

## FOREIGN AID TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (FATAA)

MFAN mobilized nearly 50 organizations to endorse this bipartisan, bicameral legislation.

MFAN recommendations fundamentally shaped the text of the legislation.

Defense Department, State Department, USAID, Millennium Challenge Corporation and Office of Management and Budget consulted with MFAN on implementation of foreign aid transparency and evaluation.

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Many stakeholders believe FATAA would not have been enacted absent MFAN’s ongoing engagement.\*”

## USAID TRANSFORMATION

USAID utilized MFAN’s Guiding Principles for Foreign Aid Reform, endorsed by more than 170 development organizations and leaders, to guide reorganization plans, including strengthening policy, budget, and evaluation functions.

MFAN’s Principles for Strategic Transitions from Development Aid, endorsed by over 100 actors in the development community, shaped USAID’s Journey to Self-Reliance framework.

## THE BETTER UTILIZATION OF INVESTMENTS LEADING TO DEVELOPMENT ACT (BUILD ACT)

In 2016, MFAN was an early leader calling for a stronger U.S. development finance institution, a part of a menu of policy proposals for the new Congress and President.

MFAN leaders played an integral role to enact the legislation, shaping the policy, building bipartisan support on the Hill and within the administration, and testifying before Congress.

MFAN recommendations adopted in the final legislation to strengthen:

- transparency
- development impact
- accountability
- social and environmental safeguards

OPIC and USAID rely on consultations with MFAN leaders during implementation phase.

# LOOKING AHEAD....



## DESIGN THE NEW U.S. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

to be an international leader in development-focused leadership, transparency, accountability frameworks, and impact.



## FOCUS ON DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND COUNTRIES’ JOURNEY TO SELF-RELIANCE.

Through congressional appropriations and agency policy, the U.S. can help countries more efficiently raise their own resources for development.



**ENSURE FULL AID TRANSPARENCY.** MFAN is prompting agencies to effectively implement high standards of transparency and evaluation.

# HOW CAN MFAN BE A RESOURCE TO YOU?



**DEPTH OF EXPERTISE:** MFAN members are leaders in international affairs, and are available as expert resources on international development policy and aid effectiveness.



**BOLD AND STRATEGIC IDEAS:** MFAN publishes influential policy papers and recommendations leveraging member depth and expertise, frequently hosts roundtables and events, and are available for individual briefings and meetings.



**DYNAMIC UPDATES:** Join thousands in our community and receive breaking updates from MFAN by following @modernizeaid on Twitter, joining our email list, and visiting modernizeaid.net.

\*BLE Solutions, “Evaluating MFAN’s Impact: 2008-2016”

\*\*The BUILD Act, Electrify Africa Act, END Wildlife Trafficking Act, Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act, Global Food Security Act, PEPFAR Extension Act, READ Act, and the Water for the World Act.